

## HOUSE BILL NO. 627

INTRODUCED BY C. JUNEAU

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO ESTABLISH A PRERELEASE CENTER ON A MONTANA INDIAN RESERVATION; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated ~~\$1 million~~ \$5,000 from the general fund to the department of corrections for the biennium ending June 30, 2003.

(2) The appropriation must be used to ~~establish~~ STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING, pursuant to 53-1-203, a prerelease center on a Montana Indian reservation to serve the needs of American Indian inmates and to facilitate their return to productive and law-abiding citizenship. THE STUDY RESULTS MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE 58TH LEGISLATURE.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell band of Chippewa.

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective dates.** (1) [Section 2 and this section] are effective on passage and approval.

(2) [Section 1] is effective July 1, 2001.

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